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BRITISH HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, AND MANNERS,

IN THE REIGNS OF

HENRY VIII, EDWARD VI, MARY, ELIZABETH, AND JAMES I,

EXHIBITED IN A SERIES OF

ORIGINAL PAPERS,

SELECTED FROM THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE NOBLE FAMILIES OF

HOWARD, TALBOT, AND CECIL;

CONTAINING,

Among a variety of interesting Pieces, a great Part of the Correspondence of

ELIZABETH, AND HER MINISTERS,

WITH GEORGE, THE SIXTH EARL OF SHREWSBURY, during the fifteen years in which MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS remained in his custody:

WITH NUMEROUS NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

BY EDMUND LODGE, Esq. Pursuivant of Arms, and F.S.A.

ORNAMENTED WITH PORTRAITS, &a.

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TO THE MOST NOBLE

CHARLES DUKE OF NORFOLK,

EARL MARSHAL OF ENGLAND, &c.

MY LORD DUKE.

It is the common error of a new candidate for literary credit to obtrude himself on the notice of an eminent person, merely for the sake of prefixing a brilliant name to his works: In the indulgence of this impertinent vanity, the obligation of the author to offer, or the patron's inclination to receive, are seldom duly considered; and the latter charitably accepts, without a right to possess, what the former with so little ceremony hath recommended to his protection. In addition, however, to the truly flattering distinction of being allowed thus to ad-

dress the first Nobleman of my Country, I hope I have the good fortune to place these sheets at your Grace's feet with singular propriety.

Their chief contents are an extensive correspondence of four great Peers from whom your Grace is descended, extracted from that fine collection of manuscripts which, by the munificence of your Predecessor, Henry Duke of Norfolk, was committed to the care of the Officers of Arms: To these your Grace hath permitted me to make a most valuable addition from your family papers: And the observations by which I have endeavoured to elucidate the whole, are mostly drawn from that great fund of historical and biographical, as well as genealogical information, the College of Arms; a public body whose functions and records, so materially necessary to the safe descent as well of private property as of family honours, are effectually guarded by that great hereditary Presidency now so happily vested in your Grace's person.— Such are my obligations; and upon these motives I

boldly step forward to offer as a just debt, what it would ill become me to present as a compliment.

Independent, perhaps, of these considerations, your Grace's usual encouragement of historical literature might be fairly pleaded as an apology for this claim on your attention: But, my Lord Duke, your illustrious ancestors were so intimately connected with the great affairs of England during the century to which this work relates, that your Grace hath a peculiar interest in every new attempt to render the knowledge of that period more correct.—Favoured by the wisdom, or persecuted by the injustice of various Monarchs, we view with delight the house of Howard, shining in all situations, a splendid ornament on the page of history.

Your Grace's imitation of those great examples is a topic on which I must not treat: I am too far removed by inequality of condition to add a testimony which the general opinion renders needless. Your Grace will ap-

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prove of my silence; the public of its motive; and I shall escape the charge of flattery from the few to whom your Grace's character may not have been described.

I have the honour to be,
with the greatest respect,
My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most faithful and most devoted servant,

EDMUND LODGE.

College of Arms, May, 1791.

INTRODUCTION.

THE advantages which may be derived from the publication of ancient original papers have been so frequently and so amply discussed that little remains to be said in the general recommendation of such collections. They present to us a series of facts too numerous, and too minute, to be inserted in the history of a country: yet on these communications the historian must in a great measure depend, as the surest guides to truth, the only safeguards against partiality, and the lights which will direct him to the first principles of his literary duty. Minute historical facts are to history as the nerves and sinews, the veins and arteries, are to an animated body: They may not separately exhibit much of use, elegance, or just proportion, but taken collectively, they furnish strength, spirit, and existence itself: An historian who hath neglected to study them knows but the worst half of his profession, and, like a surgeon who is ignorant of anatomy, sinks into a mere manual operator. nately, however, the modern author of a general history usually contents himself with compiling from the most reputable of his predecessors. He sees only the more bold and prominent features of the picture he is about to copy, or to caricature, and heightens or depresses them as his fancy, or rather a sort of party spirit, leads him. seems to think the scale of his canvas too extensive for the admission of delicate lights and shades, but as he cannot do without light and shade, he introduces them blended in large and distorted masses, and sacrifices the truth of his subject to the splendor of composition.

But these miscellaneous gleanings of antiquity always contain much information of another order, which, from certain ill-founded notions of the dignity fancifully attached to the study of history, it hath been the fashion to exclude from publications of this kind. Under this head may be classed anecdotes of eminent persons, who here become their own biographers, and involuntarily present their characters to the view of posterity: The disclosure of the minute springs of political plans, whose almost imperceptible influence probably yet exists in our system: The communication of obsolete customs peculiar to every age, which, not being properly within the province of history, have hitherto remained unnoticed: And a variety of circumstances of smaller importance, on which the apt phrase nugæ antiquæ reflects no discredit; which generally impart some degree of useful knowledge, and, at the worst, afford an innocent and an elegant amusement.

For genuine illustrations then of history, biography, and manners, we must chiefly rely on ancient original papers. To them we must turn for the correction of past errors; for a supply of future materials; and for proofs of what hath already been delivered to us. Our attention, however, hath been of late so frequently attracted in vain by pretences of new lights, and extraordinary discoveries, as to render all promises of that kind suspicious: As to the peculiar contents, therefore, of the following pages, their own merits must plead for them; they are before the Public, and will meet with the reception which they deserve. It is neither prudent nor modest in an Editor of these days to insist on the ancient right of conducting his reader to the choicest curiosities of his cabinet: They will derive no additional credit from his boasting, and can suffer no injury from his silence.

These few observations premised, the Editor begs leave to state briefly the several sources from whence the following papers have been obtained; the plan which he hath adopted for their arrangement; and the means whereby he hath attempted to elucidate their contents; and will conclude with some account of the four Earls of Shrewsbury, whose venerable remains have supplied the chief part of the collection.

The manuscripts distinguished by the title "Talbot Papers," were extracted from fifteen volumes which are preserved in the library of the College of Arms, to which they were given, with many others of singular curiosity, by Henry, sixth Duke of Norfolk of the Howards. They contain upwards of six thousand original letters, to, or from, the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, Earls of Shrewsbury; besides many valuable public papers which are foreign from the intention of this work; such as royal surveys, muster-rolls of several of the midland counties, abbey leases, and other topographical matters of importance. The chapter books of the College are nearly silent with respect to this splendid gift, and we must have contented ourselves with merely knowing that the collection still existed there, but for a MS. with the loan of which his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh lately honoured the Editor. It consists of transcripts from several of the Talbot papers, and was probably once the property of the laborious Mr. Strype, as extracts from some of the letters contained in it are to be found scattered in his various works, and may perhaps be occasionally recognized by the reader of the following sheets. Two memorandums which appear at the beginning of the book afford us as much intelligence as the subject requires.

- " I doe humbly desire those that will take the paines to read over
 - " or peruse these copies of letters following, in respect of my
 - " age, and weaknesse of eyesight, to pardon the badd writeing,
 - " and to correct and amend the faults, errors, and mistakes
 - " therein. The twentieth of October, 1676.

" J. H. of L."

"The courteous reader is likewise desired to take notice that by the favour of the right honourable the Earle of Norwich, I having access to the evidences in Sheffield Mannor, 1671, at severall tymes, from amids multitudes of waste papers, and the havock that mice, ratts, and wett, had made, I rescued these letters, and as many more as I have bound up in 15 volums, and have more to gett bound; wherby they may be perfected for the use of posterity, in my Lord Marshall's library, or where els his Lordshipp will please to dispose of them. May 14, 1677.

" N. JOHNSTON."

To these persons then we find that Henry, Earl of Norwich, (soon after Duke of Norfolk) committed the charge of examining and methodizing this great body of papers. The former was John Hopkinson, of Lofthouse, near Wakefield, Clerk of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire: the latter, Nathaniel Johnston, a physician at Pontefract. Both were antiquaries of some eminence;* yet the Talbot Manuscripts are most confusedly arranged; and the dates, and even the signatures, are frequently mis-stated in the indorsements, which are written by Doctor Johnston.

In one of the foregoing minutes Doctor Johnston clearly points out the second division of our papers. He tells us that he had yet "more to get bound." From that residue, which hath been for above a century buried in the multiplicity of MSS, belonging to his Grace's family, the Duke of Norfolk was pleased to permit the Editor to select those pieces which it hath been thought fit to denominate "Howard Papers;" not only because they have been retained in the possession of that noble house, but on account of the large additions made to the original collection by Thomas, second

[•] See Mr. Gough's Arcc. of Brit. Topography, vol. ii.

Earl of Arundel. The whole consists of about five hundred letters; the superior importance of which, with regard to the secret history of Mary's imprisonment, as well as many passages on other delicate subjects in the unpublished MSS. seem to indicate that the separation of them from the Talbot Papers was not merely accidental.

The Cecil Papers came about forty years since into the possession of the Editor's father, as residuary legatee to a lady whose maiden name was Nelme; and who was first married to one of the ancient Surrey family of Byne, and afterwards to the Rev. William Hollier, Vicar of Carshalton, in that county: It may possibly be discovered from this statement how they fell into her hands, of which the Editor confesses himself to be wholly ignorant. They comprise about one thousand original MSS, which evidently appear to have been detached from the vast treasure of state relics at Hatfield, previously to the publications of Haynes and Murdin, and supply many links to the curious chain of correspondence which those gentlemen dis-They are of several dates, from the commencement of Sir closed. William Cecil's ministry under Edward the Sixth to the death of the first Earl of Salisbury; so seldom connected with each other, and of such various degrees of merit, that there can be little doubt of their having been hastily snatched from their proper repository by an il-Impressed with this opinion, the Editor lately did himself the honour of presenting them to the Marquis of Salisbury, and they are now in his Lordship's possession.

From these united funds comes the selection which is here offered to the public: With regard to the arrangement of its ancient materials, and the general method of the work, a very few words will be necessary. The Papers are placed, as nearly as their dates could be ascertained, in a precise chronological order; and are no otherwise divided than into four sections, by the several accessions of the Monarchs to whose reigns they respectively belong. They are literally transcribed, even to the retention of their abbreviations; not

with that whimsical taste which suffers inscriptions to remain illegible rather than remove the rust which obscures them, but for the sake of certain valuable intelligence with regard to our language which may be fairly expected from the observation of the varied orthography of an whole century. Those readers, however, to whom such an help may be necessary, will meet with a key to these difficulties in a table which precedes the Papers.

In the notes will be found explanations of obscurities in the text; historical illustrations of important passages; notices of persons and places casually mentioned in the letters; and memoirs, at greater length, of the several writers. These numerous scraps of information were chiefly collected in the College of Arms; the Editor's official connection with which irresistibly tempted him to avail himself of those extensive aids to British History and Biography, under the Tudors and the Stuarts, which its most curious library peculiarly affords.

The very ancient portrait of John Talbot, the great ancestor of all the Earls of Shrewsbury, a plate from which is prefixed to the first volume, likewise remains in that College. It is said to have been brought thither at the time of the great fire, from St. Paul's Church, where it hung near the monument of his second Countess, Margaret Beauchamp; and Stowe's confused account of the embellishments of her tomb favours the tradition. The head of George, the sixth Earl, which is the frontispiece to the second, is taken from a painting in the possession of the Reverend Thomas Bancroft, of Chester, whose kind and polite condescension to the request of a stranger is here most thankfully acknowledged. The originality of this picture is indisputably determined by a singular circumstance —the inscription, which is closely imitated in the engraving, was written by the hand of Gilbert, Lord Talbot, the son and successor of the depicted Earl. For the use of the beautiful drawing of Arabella Stuart, engraved in the third volume, among many other

marks of unexpected favour, the Editor is obliged to the Honourable Horace Walpole, whose flattering notice of this work in its progress, hath considerably lessened the doubt and anxiety which usually attend a first publication, and will always be remembered with equal pride and gratitude.

It is in order to prevent an unreasonable increase of the marginal observations that the Editor proposes to make some slight additions in this place to the many particulars of the illustrious house of Talbot which will be found in the following sheets.

George, Earl of Shrewsbury, with whose correspondence our collection opens, was the eldest son of John, the third Earl of his family, by Catherine, daughter of Humphrey Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, and succeeded his father, June 28, 1478. In 1487, being then in his nineteenth year, he fought in the presence of Henry VII. at the bloody battle of Stoke, and in the autumn of 1491 attended him in his warlike expedition to Boulogne. He is said to have been a Privy Councellor to that Prince; and Collins's Peerage, upon the weak authority of Polydor Vergil, informs us that he was sworn in 1485, which is most improbable, for he was then barely sixteen years old. In the following reign, however, we find him a member of that council with which it commenced, composed, as Lord Herbert says, " of scholars and soldiers." Henry VIII. likewise at his accession, gave him the honourable office of Steward of the Household; in 1513 appointed him Captain of the Vanguard in the army which besieged Therouenne; and in 1522 Lieutenant General of the North. He was an evidence in the great cause between the King and Catherine of Arragon, his deposition on which occasion is preserved by the noble author lately quoted. It was favourable to the King's purpose, and consequently adverse to Wolsey, among whose enemies the Earl now ranked himself, and we accordingly find him a subscriber to the articles which were preferred against that Prelate on the 1st of December, 1529, and also to that carnest

letter of the 30th of July in the following year, by which the Parliament conjured the Pope to pass the sentence of divorce. Cardinal, who was soon after arrested at his episcopal house of Cawood, was permitted, on his way towards London, to repose himself for a fortnight in the Earl's custody. During this sojournment in Sheffield Castle, where he experienced the most kind and delicate treatment, Wolsey was attacked by the disease which carried him off at Leicester Abbey. In 1536 the Earl, then nearly seventy years of age, appeared again in the field, and, by a timely, but dangerous service, had the chief share in quelling Aske's rebellion. Upon this pressing occasion, finding himself at a great distance from the Court, and surrounded by a barbarous people who grew every hour more disaffected, he ventured on the bold measure of raising troops by his own personal authority, and had nearly subdued the insurgents in Yorkshire before the arrival of his pardon, which, from a Prince of Henry's character, he was by no means sure of obtaining. This was the last memorable act of his life. He died at his manor of Wingfield, in Derbyshire, July 26, 1541, and was buried at Sheffield, where his magnificent monument remains. Dugdale's Baronage informs us that he ordered by his will, "dated "August 29, in the 29th of Henry VIII. that a tomb of marble " should be set over his grave, with three images to be laid there-" in; one of himself, in a mantle of garters; another of his de-" ceased wife, in her robes; and the third, of his wife then living;"* but the latter lies, with her family, at Erith, in Kent.

This great Peer had by the former of these ladies (Anne, daughter of the amiable and unfortunate Lord Hastings) eleven children. Henry, who died young, and was buried in the Priory of Calke, in Derbyshire; Francis, his successor; two sons, successively baptized John, who died infants; William, styled in the family pedigrees Marshal of

[•] See plates at page 300 of this volume.

Ireland; and Richard. The daughters were, Margaret, wife to Henry Clifford, first Earl of Cumberland; Anne; Dorothy; Mary, married to Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland; and Elizabeth, to William Lord Dacre, of Gillesland. His second Countess, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Walden, of Erith, brought him a son and a daughter: John, who died unmarried; and Anne, married first to Peter Compton, son and heir of Sir William Compton, Knight, and, secondly, to William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.

Francis, the fifth Earl, though a nobleman of no ordinary abilities, appears to have been confined almost entirely to a military life, and his services in that line are largely detailed in the first volume of this work. He was born in Sheffield Castle in the year 1500, and was summoned to the House of Peers in the lifetime of his father, whom he succeeded in the appointment of Lieutenant General of the North. On the 17th of May, 1545, he was installed a Knight of the Garter: An original letter, written to him on that occasion by the King, remains in the archives of the College of Arms.

" HENRY R.

"Right trusty and right welbeloved cousein and counseiller we grete you well; acerteynyng you that, in consideration as well of your approved treuthe and fidellitie, as also of yor knightly courrage, and vallyaunte actes, we other your probable merites experiently knowen in sundry behalfe, we, with our compagnions of the noble Order of the Gartier, assembled at ellection holden this daye at our house of Sainte James, by Westmester, have ellecte and chosen you, amongeste other, to be some of the compagnions of the sayde Order, as your sayde merytes condignely requyre; and therefore we will that with all conveniente dilligence, upon the sighte hereof, you addresse you unto our presence, to receive such things as to the saide Order apperteinethe.

- "Yeven under our signett, at our saide house, the xxxIII1th day of
- " Aprell, the xxxvIIth yere of our reigne.
 - " To our right trustie and right welbelovid
 - " cousin and counsaillor th' Erle of Shrcus-
 - " bury, our Lieutenant Generall in the
 - " North Parts."

In the spring of 1547 he was constituted Lord Lieutenant of the counties of York, Lancaster, Chester, Derby, Stafford, Salop, and Nottingham; in the following year, Justice of the Forests North of Trent; and, on Mary's accession, President of the Council in the The bravery, prudence, and fidelity, which had distinguished him in these important public situations, induced Elizabeth to retain him among those few servants of the late reign whom she admitted to her Privy Council when she mounted the Throne, but his steady adherence to the religion of his ancestors probably obstructed his further promotion. Of the whole body of the temporal Peers, who had so lately and unanimously subscribed to Mary's recognition of the Papal authority, only this nobleman, and one more (Viscount Montague) could now be found to oppose the revocation of that concession. He survived this uncourtly act of sincerity but for a few months, and dying September 21, 1560, was buried with his father at Sheffield.

Earl Francis married, first, Mary, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacre of Gillesland, by whom he had issue George, who succeeded to his honours; Thomas, who died unmarried; and Anne, wife to John Lord Bray: Secondly, Grace, widow of Robert Shakerley, of Holme in Cheshire, who proved childless. Very soon after the death of the latter lady, whose family name hath not been transmitted to us, the Earl made an overture of marriage to the Lady Pope, widow of the famous founder of Trinity College, Oxford. Some original letters which passed between these experienced

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wooers upon that occasion are extant in the unpublished Talbot MSS. but the etiquette of courtship in those days required more time than could be spared by two lovers whose united years made up somewhat more than a century, and the good old Earl was arrested by death when perhaps he had not made half his advances.

George, the sixth Earl, in common with the young nobility of his time, first presents himself to us in the field. In October, 1557, he was sent by his father, at the head of a strong force, to aid the Earl of Northumberland, then pent up in Alnwick Castle by a Scottish army; and remained in service on the borders for some months after. On the 24th of April, 1560, the order of the Garter was conferred on him, and in the summer of 1565 he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of the counties of York, Nottingham, and Derby. He exercised the office of High Steward of England at the arraignment of the Duke of Norfolk, and succeeded that nobleman in the office of Earl Marshal. In January 1568-9, the Queen of Scots was committed to his custody, and from that remarkable period till his death the most material circumstances of his history will be found in the uninterrupted series of letters between him and his friends, which composes the second volume. In perpetual danger from the suspicions of one Princess and the hatred of another; devoted to a service which it is to be hoped his heart did not approve; vexed by the jealousy and rapacity of an unreasonable wife, and by the excesses and quarrels of his sons, from whom he was obliged to withdraw that authoritative attention the whole of which was required by his charge; we shall view this nobleman through the long space of fifteen years, relinquishing that splendor of public situation, and those blandishments of domestic life, which his exalted rank and vast wealth might have commanded, to become an instrument to the worst of tyrants, for the execution of the worst of tyrannies. Be it remembered, however, in apology for him, that he lived in a time when obedience to the will of the monarch was considered as the

crown of public virtue—when man, always the creature of prejudice, instead of disturbing the repose of society with his theory of natural liberty, erred, with equal absurdity, but less danger, in the practice of unconditional submission.

He had by his first wife, Gertrude, daughter of Thomas Manners, first Earl of Rutland of that family, four sons, and three daughters. Francis, Lord Talbot, who married Anne, the daughter of William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, and died without issue in 1582: Gilbert: Henry, who had by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Reyner, of Overton Longvile in Huntingdonshire, and widow of Thomas Holcroft, two daughters: (Gertrude, married to Robert Pierrepoint, afterwards Earl of Kingston; and Mary, to Sir William Armine, of Osgodby in Lincolnshire) Edward, who married Joan, eldest daughter and coheir of Cuthbert, the last Lord Ogle, and died childless in 1617. The daughters were, Catherine, wife of Henry Herbert, Earl of Pembroke: Mary, married to Sir George Savile, of Barrowby in Lincolnshire: and Grace to Henry Cavendish, eldest son of Sir William Cavendish.

The Earl's second wife, Elizabeth, by whom he had no children, was too remarkable a character to be slightly mentioned. She was a daughter and coheir to John Hardwick, of Hardwick in Derbyshire, and had been already thrice married; to Robert Barley, of Barley in that county; to Sir William Cavendish, who is mentioned above; and to Sir William St. Lo, Captain of the Guard to Queen Elizabeth. She prevailed on the first of these gentlemen, who died without issue, to settle his estate on her, and her heirs, who were abundantly produced from her second marriage: Her third husband, who was very rich, was led by her persuasions to make a similar disposition of his fortune, to the utter projudice of his daughters by a former wife; and now, unsated with the wealth and the caresses of three husbands, she finished her conquests by marrying the Earl of Shrewsbury, the richest and most powerful Peer of his time,

" Him she brought," (says a right reverend author, who thought it became him to speak kindly of her because he had preached her great grandson's funeral sermon) " to terms of the greatest honour and " advantage to herself and her children; for he not only yielded to " a considerable jointure, but to an union of families, &c." In other words, she drew the Earl into the same disgraceful and imprudent concessions which she had procured from his unlucky predecessors; and, partly by intreaties, partly by threats, induced him to sacrifice, in a great measure, the fortune, interest, and happiness, of himself and his family, to the aggrandizement of her children by Sir William Cavendish. To sum up her character with the brevity here required—she was a woman of a masculine understanding and conduct; proud, furious, selfish, and unfeeling. She was a builder, a buyer and seller of estates, a money lender, a farmer, and a merchant of lead, coals, and timber: When disengaged from these employments, she intrigued alternately with Elizabeth and Mary, always to the prejudice and terror of her husband. She lived to a great old age, continually flattered, but seldom deceived, and died in 1607, immensely rich, and without a friend.

The Earl was withdrawn by death from these complicated plagues on the 18th of November, 1590, and lies buried at Sheffield, under a grand monument,* with a Latin epitaph, stating at great length the principal occurrences of his life. Both the tomb and the inscription were, as nearly as might be, compleated by himself: He foretold, as one of Dugdale's MSS. in the College of Arms informs us, that his heirs would neglect to make that small addition which necessarily fell to their charge; and it turned out so, for the space which should contain the date of his death remains a blank to this day.

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GILBERT, the seventh Earl, came into public life when the English nation was rapidly emerging from that simplicity of manners to which it had so long been confined by bigotry and war. We shall accordingly observe in his character certain amiable features, and certain faults, which were equally unknown to his ancestors. We shall find him the accomplished courtier, and well educated gentleman, occasionally relapsing into the pomp and the ferocity of an ancient Baron. The story of his public life lies within a narrow compass, for he was never called to any high office of the state, though apparently better qualified than any of his predecessors of whom we have been treating. His case in this respect was peculiarly hard; for though it should seem that Elizabeth passed him over upon some suspicion of his disaffection to her, yet in the next reign he appears to have been thrust aside as one of the old followers of her Court. He was summoned to Parliament as a Baron a few months before his father's death; was installed a Knight of the Garter on the 20th of June, 1592; in 1596 went Ambassador to France to ratify the treaty of alliance with Henry the Great; and was appointed by James, at his accession, Chief Justice of the Forests North of Trent. He married Mary, third daughter of Sir William Cavendish, a lady who seems to have inherited no small portion of her mother's extraordinary disposition, as will be fully proved by the following curious anecdote, which was taken from a MS. in the possession of the Rev. Sir Richard Kaye, Dean of Lincoln, entitled, "Johnson's Extracts from Norfolk Papers," and communicated to the Editor by J. C. Brooke, Esquire. "In 1592 the " families of Cavendish and Stanhope, in the county of Nottingham, " were upon exceeding ill terms, insomuch that blood was shed on "both sides. The following is a copy of a message sent by Mary " Cavendish, Countess of Salop, to Sir Thomas Stanhope, of Shel-" ford, Knight, by one George Holt, and Williamson; and delivered

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" by the said Williamson, February 15, 1592, in the presence of " certain persons whose names were subscribed-" My Lady hath "commanded me to say thus much to you. That though you be "more wretched, vile, and miserable, than any creature living; "and, for your wickedness, become more ugly in shape than the "vilest toad in the world; and one to whom none of reputation " would vouchsafe to send any message; yet she hath thought good "to send thus much to you-that she be contented you should "live, (and doth no waies wish your death) but to this end; "that all the plagues and miseries that may befall any man may " light upon such a caitiff as you are; and that you should live to "have all your friends forsake you; and, without your great re-" pentance, which she looketh not for because your life hath been "so bad, you will be damned perpetually in hell fire." With "many other opprobrius and hatefull words, which could not be "remembered, because the bearer would deliver it but once, as "he said he was commanded; but said if he had failed in any thing, "it was in speaking it more mildly, and not in terms of such dis-"dain as he was commanded."

The Earl had issue by this high-spirited dame a son, George, who died an infant; and three daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, and Alathea, whom he had the happiness to dispose of in marriage, many years before his death, to three noblemen whose characters were as splendid as their titles: William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke; Henry Grey, Earl of Kent; and Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel. He died at his house in Broad Street, London, on the 8th of May, 1616, and was succeeded by Edward Talbot, his only surviving brother, the last Earl of Shrewsbury of his illustrious line.

The Editor here concludes a task which hath occupied most of his leisure time for some years. With no great dread of censure, with smaller pretensions to praise, with no affectation, however, of indif-

ference, as to that little portion of credit which his humble labours may deserve, he presents to the Public a collection of the works of others. For the series of ancient papers which is here brought to light he asks no favours—The notices which he hath presumed to add to those respectable pieces may perhaps stand in need of much indulgence. Doubtless many errors will occur in numerous details of minute circumstances, abounding with names and dates. He will be thankful for candid correction.

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ABBREVIATIONS, AND OBSCURE TERMS,

According to the Sense which they appear to bear in the following Papers.

Α.

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Accon -	- Action	
Accomplyaments -	- Compliments.	
Al'an'ly, allane'ly, allanerlic	 Mercly, only. 	
Allwayis, Alvayse -	- Although.	
Als	- Λs.	
Alleggs	- Alledges.	
Alongest -	- Along.	
Alswa	- Also.	
Ampliacon -	 Amplification. 	
An, and -	- If.	
Anent	 About, or concerning. 	
Ane, ze ane -	- Elder, the elder.	
Apres -	- Apotres.	
Art and part -	- A partaker, or accompli-	ce.
Assaiging -	- Besieging.	
Avunted -	 Vaunted, boasted. 	
Awin	- Own.	
	В.	
	В.	
Baning, Bayning	- Bathing.	
Bealie	- Bailiff.	
Bedman -	- Beadsman.	
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Boyth -	-	-	Bought
Born in hand -		-	Persuaded.
Boytie -	-	-	Booty.
Brenne, bryn	-	_	Burn.
Bredern -	-	-	Brethren.
Breid, bredeth -		-	Breadth.
Brasche -	-	-	Breach.
Broyer, breder	-		Brother.
Brutes, bruictis, bruts	-	-	Rumours.
			D '1

By -Bygonnes Besides; over and above.

Things passed.

C.

Carrags	_	Carriages.
Chi	-	Chief.
Clenged -	-	Cleansed.
Coïcacon -	~	Communication.
Copeny, copenye -	-	Company.
Coe	_	Comme.
Coct -	_	Comment.
Cofforty d -	_	Comforted.
Conducción, conduición	-	Guidance.
Conien, comon -	-	Commune.
Codicon	_	Condition.
Cośnyg -	-	Concerning.
Cosurate -	-	Consummate.
Cote, couert -	-	Court.
Coen	_	Common.
Corsey -	_	Courtesy.
Coteyned, cotened -	-	Contained.
Continence, countenns -	-	Countenance.
Conferre	- '	Compare.
Contynne -	-	Contents.
Comedat -	-	Commendations.
Cotentacyon -	_`	Contentment.
Covitly	-	Covertly.
Coceyve -	-	Conceive.
Consyded, co syded -	•••	Considered.

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Coat	Quality, or station in life.
Convaile	Countervail.
Corpall	Corporal.
Crased	Indisposed; unwell.
Crawe	Crave.
Ctayne	Certain.
Cuis	Comes.
Cuyng	Coming.
	D.
_	
Dang	Drove; beat.
Dept, depte	Depart.
Defend's	Defenders.
Depeche, depesche	Dispatch.
Dell	Dwell.
Delive d	Delivered.
Defalked	Defalcated.
Delee -	Delay.
Dechiffeit	Deceived.
Death	Deaf.
D'v'se, div's -	Divers.
Dispised, dispiced	Dispersed.
<u>D</u> i	Demi.
D'mi'ons	Dominions.
Droge	Drudge.
Dyvz	Divers.
	E.
Entrys	Ransom; sometimes an hostage.
Espialls	Spies.
Evry	Every.
Excepand	Except, or excepting.
Expt	Expert.
	7.
	F.
Facon	Fashion.
Faccion	Faction.
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Fardell	-	_	Bundle; load.
Fayer	_	-	Father.
Foranempst	_	-	Opposite to.
Fowrtenet	_	-	Fortnight.
Paramaka			A fraight or f

Fraught - A freight, or freighted.

Furthew^e - - Forthwith.
Futtis - Feet.

G.

Gave. Gaf Granaries. Gardners Withstood. Gavestude Going. Gayt G~ce Grace. Geliouse Jealous. Gather. Gedder Gif If.

Greounds; grewnds - - Greyhounds.

Grunt - - Grant.

Gwid - - Guide.

Gyffyn - Given.

Η.

Haill--Whole.Havor--Behaviour.Halks--Hawks.Helve--Ell.

Hernés - Harness; armour.

Hereanent - Hereof; concerning this.

Heddar - Hither.

Ho - Honour; honourable.

Hold - - A fortress. Horsekep's - - Horsekeepers.

I.

Impialls - Imperials, the Emperor's party.

Intertaynment - Establishment of a public officer.

K.

Klenged - Cleansed.

L.

Lambés Lammas. Leisureless. Layserles Leesc Lose. Less than (or then) Unless. Licence. Lescns An obstacle. Lett Lever, Lev Rather. Likelyhood. Lykleodd Lyvelod Livelyhood.

M.

Marquis; Margrave. Marches Marchanding Arranging. Mayne Mcans. M"che March. Me Men. M~e More. Mebers Members. Mencon Mention. Mence Means. Mervel's Marvellous. Mcre Mayor. Middis Means. Mistred Mistrusted. Mo, moo More. Mowcht Mouth. Moyens Means. M'velloose, m'veilous Marvellous.

N.

Nawand - - Knowing.
Ne, neder - Nor, neither.

Ner	-	-	-	Than.
Nobres		-	-	Numbers.
Noder	-	-	_	Neither.
Nolycna		-	-	No less than.
Nyghtely	-		-	Every night.

Ο.

Occurrets -	• •	-	Occurrences.
Oder, oodre	-	~	Other.
Oons	-	~	Once.
Oon, oone -		-	One.
Orells	-	-	Or else.
Ordenince, ordenins	-	-	Ordnance.
Own's -		-	Owners.
Oyer -	-	-	Other.

P.

Passand, pa	st	-	-	Above, or more than.
Patron	-	-	-	Pattern.
P~ce	-	•	-	Price.
P~ceps	-		•	Precepts.
Pencon		-	-	Pension.
Peac, peax		-	-	Peace.
P"clls	-		-	Perils.
P~emptory		_	-	Peremptory.
Penfull	-	-	-	Painful.
Pece, piece		-	-	A fortress.
Pfet, pfite,	pfyte	-	-	Profit.
P~gres	-	-	<u> </u>	Progress.
P~ills	-		-	Perils.
P~k, p~ke	-	-	-	Park.
Pledge	-		-	An hostage.
Placs	-	-	-	Places.
P"longed	_	-	-	Prolonged.
P~ley	-	-	-	Parley.
P lament, p	lam ^ı , p [®] lcı	ne t, p lya	ment	Parliament.
Plackatt, pla	kket	_	4	Placart.

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Pinis, pinys		Promise.
P [*] mest	-	Promised.
Pance	-	Prince; presence.
P [*] nt -	-	Present.
P [*] ntley	_	Presently.
Populish -	-	Publish.
Por	-	Prior.
Posoned -	-	Poisoned.
Poyntcio -	-	Puncheon,
P [*] parac [*] on -		Preparation.
P p se -	-	=
Pre	-	Purpose, propose. Pray.
Prewin	-	Prevent.
P"seu -	-	Pursue.
	-	Perceive.
P [*] sayve P [*] s [*] rvac [*] on -	-	Preservation.
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P [*] sper P [*] st	-	Prosper. Priest.
	-	Part.
P [*] te, p [*] t - P [*] teley	-	
D~tungo	-	Partly.
P [*] tynge P [*] use	-	Parting, departing.
P vycons -	-	Peruse.
P'xey'	-	Provisions.
P~ye -	_	Proxy.
Pyon ^r s		Pray.
Tyon's	-	Pioneers.
·		Q.
ONI I		•
Q~lk	-	Which.
Q ^{*t}	-	What.
Quayl -	-	To fail gradually.
Quhilk, qu'lk	-	Which.
Quhairof -	-	Whereof.
Quhither, quither, quhather	-	Whether.
Quhan, Quhen -	-	When.
Quhat, quhatt	-	What.
Quho, quha, q'ha -	-	Who.
Quharfor -	-	Wherefore.

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Quhill	-	-	-	While.
Quyelling		_	-	Quelling.

R.

Raymouffe - Remove.

Remembraunc's - Remembrances; memorandums.

Reme - Remember, remembered.

Reprievid - - Reproached.
Req re - - Require.
Resolved - - Assured.
Ressaitt - - Reccipt.

Ruille - - Rule; government.

Ryall - - Royal.

Sufferyn

S'unts, s'vants, s'rvaunts

S.

Sovereign.

Servants.

Souls. Salis Salfety Safety. Safe; saving. Saufe; sauffand Exchequer. Schequire Likewise. Semblably Since. Sensine, sensyne Separation. Sepacion Trifling; unsatisfactory. Single soled Since. Sith, sithens Seignicurs. S'n'rs Sovereign. Sofferan, sofferaine, sov ayne Subtlety. Sottelnes Suffered. Soved Spoiled. Spilt Special. Spiall, spcall Specialties. Sp ialties Spoil, booty. Spulze Stammering. Stutting Some. Sũ Sought. Suitit

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS, AND OBSCURE TERMS.

S've, s'rve	-		~	Serve.
S~vyce	_		-	Service.
Synom	-		-	Cinnamon.
Synez, sythence		-	-	Since,
				T.

Tall		-	Stout; able.
Taskes	_	_	Taxes.
Tempnes; Temys	-	_	Thames.
Theranent	-	-	Thereof; concerning that.
Th'ole; th'olle	-	-	The whole.
Trist; tryist	-	_	A meeting.
Tuycon	-	-	Tuition.
Tynsall; tensall	~	_	A loss.
Tynt; tent	~	-	Lost.

U.

Unreddy		-	In an undress
Unfandlei	· -	-	Unfeignedly.
Unto	-	-	Until.

W.

Wags, waigs	-	×	Wages.
Weichtie	-	-	Weighty.
Weit; witt	-	_	Know.
Wes	-	-	Ways.
Whill	-	-	Until.
Whereas		_	Whereon, or wherein.
Wholyrod	_	_	Holyrood.

Wholyrod - - Holyrood
Wotis - - Votes.
W'out - Without.
W'tting - - Writing.

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Ya, yai, yei	-		They.
Yair, yeir, yir	-	-	Their.
Yame, yem	-	-	Them.

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CORRECTIONS.

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1. Line 2 of the note, for "1509" read 1513. In the same note, after the words Page " swiftness of their flight, the Battle of Spurs, "add-or rather from a village named Spours, in the neighbourhood of which it was fought. 27. Dele the first note, and read, By "the Lady Princess" seems to have been meant one of the three daughters of King Edward IV. aunts to Henry VIII. Catherine, Countess of Devon, one of those ladies, who certainly was then living, was probably the person intended bere. 33. In the last line of notes, instead of "the Barony became extinct in the begin-" ning of the present century," read, the family ended in a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Mr. Southwell, an ancestor of the present Lord de Clifford. 43. The date of No. XX. should be 1543. 64. Line 5 of notes, for "Powercourt," read Powerscourt. Line 17 of notes, fill up the blank with Northamptonsbire. - 110. Last line of the note, for " demolished," read dismantled. - 196. The paper marked No. VIII. should have been placed between Nos. X. and XI. - 278. Line 10 of notes, for "No. CLV." read, No. CLIV. - 306. and 311. Among the signatures, for "G. Rogers," read E. Rogers. - 311. Line 17 of notes, for "Kobert," read Robert. VOL. II. 77. Line 8, for "cncreae," read encrease. 91. Line 1 of notes, for " No. LXXXIII." read No. LXXXIV. - 220. Line 15 of notes, for "No. CXXXIV." read No. CXXXV. - 418. Line 10 of notes, for "Essex's insurrection, read Raleigh's conspiracy.

N. B. The terms Knight and Esquire are usually omitted in the notes, in order to avoid a disagreeable repetition. It may, however, be proper to observe, that where the appellation "Sir" occurs, without any further distinction, the person so styled was a Knight Bachelor.

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IN THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII.

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Indorsed, "ORDER OF THE ARMY."*

The Vauntgarde.

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S ^r Edward Hungerford.	S ^r William Sands.	

[•] The army, commanded by the King in person, which passing over to France in June, 1509, beat the French in that remarkable action called, from the swiftness of their flight, the Battle of Spur's, and afterwards took Therouenne. By "the Duke, and Mr. Almoner," are meant the Duke of Buckingham and Wolsey.

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The Lord Darcye.

Fitzwilliam, wt his retynne of the

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Askew and Hansard.

The Duk's companye.

The Marques' companye.

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Mr Dalby's men.

S^r Thomas Bury.

John Nevell.

The Mydd-warde.

The ban' of household.

The Capitaignes of the Bishops of Winchestre and Duresme, and Mr Almon, and theyre retinnewes.

The Duke, and the Lord Rose.

M^r Poynings.

S^r Henry Guylford.

The Rerewarde.

S' Henry Marney.

The Lord Barners, wt the fotemen of the speyres, and his owne retynne.

The S'unts of the pety capitaignes of the King's garde.

S^r John Raynesford.

Godfrey Folgeham.

S¹ Antony Owtered, Capitaigne for the tyme, we all the residue of men of armes, di launces, and archers on horseback, to scowre, and conduyt the said ordenince and rerewarde.

My Lorde of Essex.

S¹ John Peychye.

Nº II.

Indorsed, "Ordenince and Artilery, delyved by Sr Sampson Nor-"ton, by vertue of the King's warrunts."

TALBOT

To my Lorde Darcye, by 111 warrunts—Bowes of yewe, rapers. Vol. A. f. 11. HIM LXXIIII — Arrowes, VIIIM shef — Bowe strengs, XM—Staks for the felde, MM—Bowe chests and arrow chests, ccxL.

To Will'm Kyngesto, by on warrunt—Bowes, xviii.

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To Thom's Herte, gon', by 11 warr'unts—Gone powdr, v1 barrell—Tampyons,* v°.

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To Richard Fawken¹, gon¹, by 11 warraunts—Cole powdre, † M,V111^c—Gone powdr, 1 barrell—Gone stones of iron, v—Gone stones of stone, v—Salt petre in flowr, V11^MCCC—Brem stone in flowr, MM,CCC.

To Will'm Pawn, by 11 warrunts—Bowes of ewe, M—Arrowes, M sheff—Bowe stryngs, MM,VIIIC IIIIXX—Carte sadells, colers, hames, and brechys, 1X—New whelys, VI payer—Cotton, IIII—Pelletts of lede for gonnys, c—Carte clowts, 1X peyer—Clowt nails, c—Scopes, L—Charging ladells, 1X—Gone powdr, 11 laste—Fawkons of brasse, 1X—Hagbushes of iron, CXLII—Spads, CCC—Ropes for hawsses, VI—Shofulls, cc—Pyke axes, c—Coper metall brocon, cc waight—Chests for bowes and arrowes, XLIIII.

To Richard Peper of Callice, by 1 warr unt—Salte petre in flowr, xv*cc*—Brem stone in flowr, 1111*ccc*—Cole powdr, 1111*v1°1.

^{*} Pieces of wood turned to fit the mouths of cannon, to preserve them from the wet.

[†] Or charcoal. Sir Richard Baker erroneously asserts, that gunpowder was never manufactured in England before the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Doctor Watson, in his chemical essays, quotes a passage in Hollingshed's Chronicle, to prove that it had been made in London before 1552; and conjectures, from an instrument in Rymer's Fædera, that this art was practised here even in the beginning of the preceding century. The paper before us highly favours that conjecture; for it not only proves, by the frequent mention of saltpetre, brimstone, and coal powder (always together), that gunpowder was made in England early in the reign of Henry VIII. but authorizes us to presume also, that the art of making it was not confined to a few at that time. We find here two warrants for large quantities of those ingredients, to be sent to Calais and Berwick, doubtless to be there manufactured for the use of those towns; and it is very probable, that most of the considerable garrisons in the English dominions then made their own gunpowder; for it appears from this schedule, that the parcels of saltpetre, brimstone, and charcoal, issued, exceeded in weight those of the gunpowder by 20,000 lb.

To Richard Ockam, by 11 warrunts—Bowes of ewe, c—Arrowes, c sheff—Chests for bowes and arrowes, v111—Bowe strengs, M—Marys pyks, 11111×1111—Billes, Lx—Serpentynes of iron—wt their apparell, wt 1111 chambr, 11—Serpentynes of coper metall, 11—Fowlers, wt their apparell, wt 111 chambr, 1—New fawcons of coper, wt their apparell redy furnyshid, v—New serpentynes of coper, wt their apparell, 1—Gone stones of stone, cccxx—Gone stones of iron, Lx—Pellets of leed, cc—Pellets of iron to shote in a slang, 11—Dise of iron, M,V1°—Gone powdr, 11 laste—Charging ladells, 1.

To St John Pechie, Knyght, by 1 warrunt—Bowes, v1.

To Humfrey Walker, by I warr unt—Gone powdre, I barell.

To Will'in Dawby, by I warrunt—Bowes, VI.

To Humfrey Walker, gone foundr, by 1 warraunt—Broken gones, and ov¹ leppes, 11¹⁴, c, v111¹⁵—Washe metall, M, v11^{c1}—Cop. metall in caks, v*, v**1111¹⁵.

To Henry Creme, gon', by one warrunt—Curtowes of metall, w' all th' apparell, I—Gone stones of iron, xl—Charging ladells, III—Ramers, III—Serpentynes of iron, w' th' apparell, I—Iron gones, w' vII chambr, III—Gone stones of stone, xl—Calabars of iron, I—Gone powdre for serpentynes, XIII.

To X opher Clapam of Barwik, by I warrunt—Gone powdr, vI barell—Brem stone in flowr, cc—Cole powdr, cc—Salte petre in flowr, cc.

To S¹ John Peche and Rich. Fawcon, by 1 warrunt—Bowes, v111—Salt peter in flowr, 1111^{xx} x111¹—Brem stone in powdre, x1¹—Cole powdre, xx11¹—Gone powdre, 1 barell.

To S' Edward Howard, by on warrunt—Bowes, c—Arrowes, cc sheff—Bowstrengs, ccc—Billys, c—Gone stones of iron, cc—Dyse of iron, MM—Gone stones of stone, cc—Gone stones of leed, c—Morres pyks, c—Gone powdr, 1 laste.

I am inclined to think that this paper belongs to the year 1515.---It is, however, certainly of a date prior to 1524, when Sir Henry Marney died, whose name occurs in one of the warrants.

To S' Edward Ponyngs, by I warrunt—Bowes, MMM—Arrowes, MMM sheff—Bowe strengs, XLIIII grosse—Chests for bowes and arrowes, cxx—Staks for the felde, m,vc—Spads steled, xxx—Matoks, xxx—Shovylls stelyd, x—Billys, v^c—Barell for bowstrengs, VIII.

Nº III.

Sir PHILIP DRAYCOT to the Earl of SHREWSBURY.

My most syngler good Lord,

According to your comademet, this is to declar unto your TALBOT Lordschype y' the tresorer's offes in Bolen ys gyvin to Mest^r Dymmok, & the comptroler's offes to Mest Bekwyth; & I, knowing the same by Mest^r Secretaré, dyd tak my leave of the Kyng's mageste, w^t lovyng words off hys Mageste, to my most syngler comforth. By the advys of Mest^r Secretaré, I shall mak my abode for thys wyntt^r in the court; & my Lord Chansler ys off the same mynd, not dowtyng but I shall cum to a thyng w' in the lond mych moer to my comforth & pffet; wherefor I intend to ryd whom w' sped, & to cosuate & coclewde the maryage off my cosen & heyr; & y' don, I intend, God wyllyng, to aweyte apon yowr Lordschypp; & aftr myn abode theyr, as I covenyently mey, I wyll resort to the court as I am cownceld, and so ferther to pceed as your Lordschype shall advys me. I have prvydyd my hows in London wt fuell, hey lodging, & od necessaryes of howsehold, as to myn abylyte apteynyth, when so ev I cum; & when I shall know the tyme off the maryage of myn heyr, then I wyll be so bold to send to yawr gud Lordschype

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for sum flessh, sych as for the tyme & place shall be most met for me to send for.

And, to acerten yow of the Kyng's p̄gres aftr yowr dep̄tyng: The first was to Otlond; & ther, in the meds undr Cherssey, was kyllyng of staggys, holdyn in for the purpos, on aftr an odr all the aftr non; so y' theye were warnyd by the trupetts, and knoen theyreby yff theye dyd enttr any dere of prys: And they was not only cowrssyd wr sum grewnds, but also wr horsmen, wr darts and sperys, & many so sleyne; the most pryncelé sport yr hath ben sene: And many dyd escap ovr Temys, & to the forrest after theye passyd there. And on Thursdey last the Kyng lyttyd at Byflet, & ther I tok my leave; and from Otland he removys to Chobham or Okyn, I knowe not whedr the first; and then to Gylforth; & so to Wynsore, & ther Wholyrod dey; &, by estymachion, he wyll be at evy off thes plasys 1111 deys, or theyr abowt.

Odr newys I know non to acerten yow off, but thus betak yowr L. to the mercefull govinance off God. Wryton at my hows in Smethfeld, the next hows to the Elyvant, y' ys the new taverne, the 1111th of September,

by the hond off your old assuryd bedman,

PHILIP DRAYCOT, K.*

To the ryght honorable the Enl of Shrewshury, hys gud Lordschyp, theys be de.

* Sir Philip Draycot, of Paynsley, in Staffordshire, Knight; representative of a family of great antiquity, which still remains in that part of England. He was the only son of Sir John Draycot, Knight, by Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Robert Eyre, of Padley, in Derbyshire; and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Fitzherbert, of Norbury, by whom he had two sons, Richard and George, both of whom left issue, and four daughters; Elizabeth, married to Geoffrey Foljambe; Susannah, to John Blunt, of Burton upon Trent; Alicia, to Jasper Worth, of Tiderington, in Cheshire; and Dorothy, to Thomas Kynardeslye, of Loxley in Staffordshire. By that part of his letter, however, which relates to his heir,

Nº IV.

THOMAS ALEN to the Earl of SHREWSBURY.

My Lord,

According to yo' comandement, y' day yo' chaplen and I talbot were w^t my Lord Cardenall, and deliv'd yo^t lett^t, y^c wiche he redde Vol.A.f. 27. in his barge; and, after, I shewd to hym, at the same tyme, y' credence of soden sekeness of yor srvants, wich daily cottinewes; and therfore besoght his grace to be meane to the kyng for yowr excuse, and to knowe his plesure what tyme yor Lordship shuld cume up. And he answerd that the King would gladly have you here at Whitsondey, cosideryng the cuming of the Quene of Scotts,* and many embassetors wiche be here nowe; for yt ye were the greate offect of the Kyng's howsehold: And I answerd, cosideryng the contageus plage daily cotinewyng amongs yor srvants, and the shortnes of tyme, ye cowde not cume soe shortly: And then he comanded me on Frydey to attend upon his grace, and I shuld knowe the Kyng's plesure; at wiche tyme I dowt not but ye shall have respite to the next time, for byfore his goyng to yo Kyng I woll speke wo hym eftsones.

Also this day yor said chaplyn and I have hadde comenicacon wt the Lord Conyars, byfore none and aft^r, and thus concluded.

who was of the family of Aston, we may conclude that he was then unmarried, or, at least, childless. He died in 1546.

Margaret, the King's eldest sister, and widow of James IV. of Scotland. She had lately married Archibald Douglas, Earl of Angus; a man whose great power and popularity had rendered him obnoxious to the Duke of Albany, now Regent. The Earl avoided this noblem in's resentment by a precipitate flight into England, with his illustrious consort, who came to London, and was received by Henry with much kindness and magnificence.

⁺ Steward of the household.

ye shall paye to hym ccxl¹; whereoff cl to be paid in hand, and the rest to be paid at y^c fest of Saynt Mertyn next; and the said Lord is contented to make y^c land as to you, and ov^r to yo^r use, as shalbe devised by yo^r cousell; wherein I shall doe y^c best I can byfore my cuying whome.

This day my Lord of Suk asked me specially howe ye fared, and said he entended to tarie here all Whitsontyd, and woldbe gladde to see you here:—He takes his barge evy day at Coleharbert, when he goeth by water.

My Lord, yff yo' money com up saftely, and I can make no bettr shyft, I shall pay my Lord Conyars w' p'c of the same, and deferr them that shulde have the sayd money unto suche tyme as I can fynd bettr remedye.

Ther was a bill set upon Poul's door, & another upon o' Laydy Barkyn's* dore: The same bill touched the Kynge's g'ce and his counsell; pte of hit aft this man; "that forayners had moche momey yn theyr hands of the Kynge's, by rayson of the same bought moche wolls, wich was to the undoyng of Englyshmen." + Gret displeasure is taken with the same; yn somoche that yn evy ward, on of the Kyng's counsell, wt the ald man of the same, is com andet to see evy man wryte that can; and, ferther, hathe taken evy man's boke, & scaled them, & brought them to Gyld halle, ther to examyn them.

The Bishop of Hereford is depited, & Doctor Bothe hathe his

[•] Allhallows Barking, in Tower-street, which was founded by Richard I. and called Capella beatæ Mariæ de Barking. Richard III. rebuilt it, and fixed a college of priests there, consisting of a Dean and six Canons. It was a favourite foundation, having been improved by several monarchs; and being a building of much public notoriety and resort, it was perhaps the custom in those days to fix pasquinades and libels on its walls.

[†] These jealousies ended in a terrible riot, on the 1st of May, 1518; when the Londoners made a general attack on the foreigners, killed several of them, and pulled down their houses, after stripping them of their contents. Anderson observes, that the pretended crimes of the foreigners were probably their working cheaper, and being more industrious, than our own people.

rowme: The Mast of the Rolles is depited, and Doctor Tunstall hather his rowme, *as the saying is: The Abbot of Seynt Albons is depited, and Abbot of Barmondsey, whos sowls J'su p'don. They begyn to dye yn London yn dyv'se places, sodenly, of ferfull sykenes. As knowith o' Lord, who long have yo' Lordship in his blessed gov'nance, wrytten at Coleharbert, † the xxvijith day of Apill, at x of the clok yn the nyght, w' the hand of

Yor pist,

THO' ALEN.

I have sent yo' Lordship by this berer on lb. of w' corall, and halfe pond of powd' psrvative.

To my Lorde.

- Richard Mayo, or Mayew, Bishop of Hereford, and Chancellor of the University of Oxford, died this year, and was succeeded by Charles Booth, who held the see till 1535. Cuthbert Tunstall, afterwards Bishop of Durham, succeeded John Young, an ecclesiastic, in the office of Master of the Rolls. Dugdale, in his Orig. Jud. erroncously states that the former was appointed on the 12th of May, 1517.
- + Coldharbour, or Coldharborough, was a very large house, situated in the parish of Allhallows the less, in Thames-street; the steeple and choir of the church of which, according to Stowe, formerly stood on the old gatehouse of this mansion. Several places in the neighbourhood still retain its denomination; as Coldharbour-lane, Coldharbour-stairs, &c. It was built by Sir John Poultney, an Alderman of London, in the reign of Edward III. and, passing through various hands, came at last to the crown. Richard III. in 1485, granted it for ever to the College of Heralds, who had lately received their charter from him; and Henry VII. willing to annul every public act of his predecessor, gave it to the then Earl of Shrewsbury. It was pulled down by Earl Gilbert, about the year 1600.

N° V.

THOMAS ALEN to the Earl of SHREWSBURY. 1516.

TALBOT Papers,

 ${f P}_{ t LEASE}$ it yo $^{ t r}$ Lordship to be assertained that wheras Mast $^{ t r}$ vol.A.f.31. Babyngton and I, by yor comandmet, have concludet wt my Lord Conyars, hit is so the Por of Mountgice* stands yn possesson of the said lands, & hathe lesseys made to his use of the same, notwithstanding my Lord Conyars trustyd to have caused the said Por to have releised his title at his desyr, but yn anywise he wolnot. The Kyng's Ge hath sequestred cc acres of the said ground, that payth verly XIII' IIII^d, wiche the Eschequyer thynks to be moche bettr. Mastr Babyington hathe spoke wt the said P or; they have appointed bothe to be w' your Lordship at Worsop + the Wenysday yn the Witsondey weke, wiche shalbe the XIIIIth day of this moneth. My Lord, I suppose ye shall have an easier bargan of the Por then ye shuld have had of my Lord Conyars, for the sayd P or shewed unto Mastr Babyngton he had nev of the said lands, all charg's born, by the yere III^L.

> Upon Fryday last Mast^r Babyngton and I spoke w^t my Lord Cardynall, & shewyd unto his Gce yor troble, and syknes, & the late

[·] Mountgrace Priory, in Yorkshire, founded by Thomas Holland, Duke of Surrey, temp. Ric. II. and enriched by several subsequent donations. Besides great estates in Yorkshire, it had property in the counties of Lincoln, Norfolk, Warwick, &c.

⁺ Worksop Manor, in Nottinghamshire, came to John Talbot, first Earl of Shrewsbury, by his marriage with the heiress of Furnival, in which family it had been ever since the reign of Richard I. and Henry VIII granted to Francis, fifth Earl, the whole precinct of the priory there, to be held in capite, by the service of furnishing the King with a right-hand glove at the coronation, and supporting his arm so long as he shall hold the sceptre on that day. The estate is now possessed by the Duke of Norfolk, through the marriage of his ancestor, Thomas Earl of Arundel, with Alathea, one of the coheiresses of Gilbert seventh Earl of Shrewsbury.

dep'ting of yo' servants; and also this day Mast' Babyngton spoke unto his G'ce agayn, to know his pleasure yf he wold coma'd hym any svice unto yo' Lordship. He answeryd, recomend me unto my Lord; I have shewyd the Kyng's G'ce of my Lord's trouble; his G'ce is right sory therfor, and counsels hym to get hym ynto som litell housse, & few p'sons w' hym: Wherfor, lesse then yo' Lordship be comandid to com up, I think not contrary, your excouse is so resonable you may tary unto Mycheimas t'me. This day Mast' Babyngton and I have spoke w' my Lord of Suff.' counsell. Mast' Wynkfeld answeryd he wold spake w' my Lord, his maist', & make unto me answer within 1111 dayes after.

The French Secretary is come to London, & hathe brought your pencon; he desirys to have a sufficyent discharge lyke as he had the last tyme, or ells he woll make no paymet: He sayth his tarry is but short her.

Wher as I hertofor wrote unto yor Lordship S' Weston Browne had pmised me paymet this time; so it is this day he wold have delyverd unto me xxxiii vi viii, the oder halfe the next time; notwithstanding I have rec. no pt therof: Within xL dayes after Trynite Sondey he hathe pmysed paymet of the woll some: He desyers to have somoche made payd upon his oblygacon.

My Lord; I have boroed cc markes to pay my Lord Abbot of Westmynst,* & to moro I trust to dispache the same wout pledge or seuertye; I have pmysed to repay the same agayn wythin xiiii dayes; I beseche yor Lordeship I maye kepe pmes. I have delyverd yor lettr to Sr John Cut; as yet I have no ansuer of the same.

The more afor the Assence day, the Kyng, the Quene, and French Quene, wer at Westmynst: The same day the Kyng's Gce sat yn

[•] William Benson, appointed Abbot in 1510. He surrendered his abbey to Henry, by whom he was made Dean, and died in 1549.

[†] Mary, youngest sister to Henry VIII. and widow of Louis XII. of France, who in cried her in his declining years. Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, the handsomest man, and most

the Starr Chambr; ther was examyned my Lord of Northumbland, and so comandit to Fleete, and their remayns as yet. The same day the Kyng, the Quene, the French Quene, wt dyvte Lords of the Counsell, dyned at Lambeth wt my Lord Tresurer. Upon Assencion day the Quene of Scotts cam to Enfyld, to Maist Tresurer's* house; & there taryd Thursday, Fryday, and upon Saturday, the Kyng's Gce met wt her besids Totnam, at Maist Compton's house. The same day her Gce did ride behynd St Thom's Part through Chepe Syde, about six of the cloke, & so to Banyard's Castell, & ther remayns yet. The Embassadors of Scotland desiered for to have spoken wt the Kyng before the Quene had com, but they did not, nor as yet have done.

Wher as I wrote unto yo^t Lordship, by Edward of the stables, the Abbot of Saynt Albons was dep'ted, I shuld have wrytten hit was th' Abbot of Ta----hill.

Here is many tales going, but I dar not be so bold to wryte unto yo' Lordship of them, lest the treuthe pive contrary. The saying is her, yn some places, ther was a ship fraygth yn Tempnes w' goods of the religion of Saynt Jamys; Antony Villers, Willim Kiyvet, and on Brygandyn, son unto hym that made the Kyng's great ship, shuld

accomplished courtier of his time, visiting the French court a little before the King's death, gained the affections of this young lady, and, marrying her privately, though as some thought not without Henry's committee, brought her to England about this time, and, for form's sake, suffered a temporary suspension of favour. They lived together for many years in great felicity, counteracting the King's jealous humour by their sincere and amiable conduct.

- * Sir Thomas Lovel, K. G. and Treasurer of the Household. He inhabited a magnificent house, built by himself in the last reign, on Forty Hill, near Enfield.
- † Esquire, and afterwards Knight, of the Body to the King. Katherine Par, Henry's last' Queen, was this gentleman's daughter.
- The property of the pilgrims to Compostella in Spain, the supposed burial place of the Apostle St. James. Great numbers of these went annually from hence, in ships regularly licensed for that purpose; previously binding themselves by an oath, not to discover the secrets of England, nor to take more money with them than might be necessary for the expences of their journey. It should seem from this passage, that the original motive to the pilgrimage was now giving way to that spirit of traffic which prevailed in proportion to the decay of pious superstition.

enter ynto the said ship at dyvse places, wt consent of the mast & the maryners, w' a gret company, to the nombr of c psons & above, and so dep't their ways to the see to seche theyr adventurs.

I have sent by this berer on pond of wout synom. or corall. As knowith o' Lord, who have yo' Lordship yn his blessed governance, wrytten at Coleharbart, the vith day of May, wt the rude hand of

Yor pist,

THO' ALEN.

To my Lorde.

Nº VI.

THOMAS ALEN to the Earl of SHREWSBURY.

PLEASE it yo' Lordship to und'stond that I have sent by this TALBOT berer, Rd Wodhouse, cariar of Rotheram, x pastics of congars, wiche Vol.A.f. 35. was the grettest & the fattyst that ev I sawe: I pray God this cariar do his pt well to it, and then I trust yor Lordship wollyke it well. Yor old svaunt Willim Coke did bake the same at Coleharbart; and if I had not byn, he wold have brougth hit to yor Lordship.

Yeterday I spoke wt Maistr Urswyke; he shewyd unto me at suche tyme as Maist Poynyngs and Doctor Tunstall comys whom yo' Lordship shall knowe mor, wich wolbe this weeke that comys And also he shewyd unto me that as this day th' Erle of Northumbland shalbe delyvd out of the Fleete. Yesterday the Ambassadors of Scotland dyned wt my Lord Cardynall; ther dothe accompany them the Bishop of Ely,* my Lord of Saynt Jamys, and Abbot of Westmynstr.

* Nicholas West, appointed 1515; died 1534.

I beseche yo' Lordship to lycens me upon Monday next: By the gice of God I entend to ride to Cantibury yn pylgrimage, wiche I owe sens I was syke, and many moo that I trust yor Lordship will lycens me to pforme this somm.

As knowith or Lord, who evr have yor Lordship yn his blessedgovinance, written at Coleharbert, the xth day of May, wt the rude hand of yor pst,

THO' ALEN.

To my Lorde.

Nº VII.

The Earl of SHREWSBURY to THOMAS ALEN. 1516.

Sir Thomas,

TALBOT

I RECOMEND me unto you, and right hartely thanke you for the Papers, Vol. P. f. 25. baked congar whiche ye sent me, for the same was verray good and And, where as I, by my other lee, wrote unto you that I wold send my svante Roberte Knyveton to Torney, for suche hangyngs as M' Harte hathe caused to be made for me, and that ye shulde kepe cext crownes of the sonne for the same purpose; I nowe sende the saide Robte unto you for the saide crownes, and wol that ye deliv hym the same, so as he may goo unto Torney to the saide M^r Harte, to recken and paye for the saide hangings, and to see the conveyance of the same unto London. Also, Sr Thomas, I have spoke w^t Thomas Babington; and he thinketh best that you be not too hasty in knowyng my Lord Cardynallis pleasure tochyng my comyng up to London, excepte he speike unto you hymselfe of the

same, and then ye may make myn excuse the best ye can; for I am nowe at this tyme ferr oute of all good ordre, as well in svants as in horss, for to come to London, or to ryde any other greatt jorney.

Also, Sr Thomas, I pceyve by yor saide lie that Thomas Babington before his comyng from London spake wt my Lord Cardynall to knowe his pleasur if he wolde comande hym any srvyce unto me; whiche answered hym that he had spoken wt the King's Grace, and shewed hym of my trouble; and that he wold advise me to geatt me to some litle howse, wt a fewe psones wt me, whiche I have doon: Notwistanding, sens my comyng hither, divse of my svantes hathe fallen seke, both here and in the towne, howbeit, I thanke God, they have escaped the same; and I myself kepte my bed yesterday all day; and of trouthe the saide sikenes was so extreme amongest my svantes at Wynfelde that I have put away all my horse keps, and torned all my horse to gresse, both my greatt horse and other; wherfore, if I shulde com up to London the next terme, I must be fayn to provyde me of newe horsekeps, and take up my said horse from gresse agayn, whiche I thinke wol not well srve me.

Howbeit ye shall not nede to speike of this unto suche tyme as I have spoken w' Thomas Babington, and that ye here ferther from me, oneles ye here my Lord Cardynall speike of my comyng up; nevitheles I wol that ye resorte often unto hym, and be in his sight, to loke whether he wol comande you any srvice to me; and if he aske you when ye harde any worde from me, ye may shewe his Grace as is aforesaide; and also that I have sent the substance of all my srvants to their frends, savyng onely x11, or xv1, whiche I have here w' me.

Nº VIII.

THOMAS ALEN to the Earl of SHREWSBURY. 1516.

TALBOT Papers.

PLEASE it yo' Lordship to be assertayned, I have sent, by John Vol. P. f. 33. Baylé of Sheffeld, 111 yards blacke saten, 111 yards russet satten, 11 yards yelo satten, the best I can fynd yn London; as yet the shipps be not com furth of Flandres, wherfor her is litle gud sylke to sell. I have sent by the said John, 11 payr showes for yot Lordship, on reeme paper, XL1b corans, 1b red wax: If yor Lordship like not that redwax I sent befor, by Ric. Hanson, let hit be sent agayn; I trust this I have sent at this tyme is good. II payr of showes for my Lord Frauncs. I have sent by this berer, Edward of yor stable, II blacke girdels, wt II blacke doghokes.

> Upon Monday last the Mast^r of Rolles toke his jorney towards Flandres; & when he comys to Calais S^r Ric. Wynkfeld* goeth w^t hym. Hit is thought the Empor goth but easely forward in his warrys. Upon Mondey and Tewsday last ther was a gret justing at Grenewiche: The Kyng's Gce, my Lord of Suff. my Lord of Essex, Sr Georg Caro, wer challeng's; Sr Willim Kyngston, Sr Giles Capell, - - - Sydlay, + wt divse odt, wer defends: As I her

[•] Sir Richard Wingfield, Knight, Deputy of Calais. For a full account of whose romantic negociation with the Emperor Maximilian, who had made overtures to resign the empire to Henry, see Lord Herbert.

⁺ Sir George Carew, Knight, of the family of the ancient Barons Carew, of Devon. He was drowned at Portsmouth, in 1545 .--- Sir William Kingston, afterwards Lieutenant of the Tower. Lloyd, Sir Richard Baker, and others, confound this gentleman with Sir Anthony Kingston, Provost Marshal of the Army sent against the rebels in the west in 1549; whose severity in that office is, or is meant to be, recorded in most histories of England .--- Sir Giles Capel, of Raynes Hall, in Essex; knighted for his gallantry at Therouenne: The Earl of Essex is lineally descended from him .--- John Sedley, of Southfleet, in Kent, afterwards an Auditor of the Exchequer.